

MIXING DIVERSELY ENCODED DATA STREAMSAbstract

A method to combine diversely encoded data streams includes receiving a first data stream in a first encoded format, decoding the first data stream into a decoded format, obtaining a second data stream in the decoded format, and combining the decoded first data stream with the second data stream. The first encoded format may, for example, be associated with a video data stream, an audio data stream, or a multimedia data stream. The decoded format may be any format which allows two data streams to be combined in a substantially direct manner such as, for example, a linear pulse code modulated (LPCM) data format.

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